

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of January 24, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, January 24, 2008, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Daniel F. Caruso at 1:37 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
Gerald J. Heffernan
(designee for Commissioner Downes)
Philip T. Ashton
Brian Emerick
(designee for Commissioner McCarthy)

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Daniel P. Lynch
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Ed Wilensky

Council Members Absent:

Barbara Currier Bell

Staff Members Present:

Robert L. Marconi
Assistant Attorney General
S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Fred O. Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Christina Lepage
Siting Analyst

Robert D. Mercier
Siting Analyst
David Martin
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of January 10, 2008.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2008, seconded by Mr. Emerick. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 314 - Bay Communications, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility at 170 Southeast Road, New Hartford, Connecticut. Request for an Extension.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve an extension to April 30, 2008, for construction, seconded by Mr. Emerick. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 340 - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 1 Deerfield Road, Ansonia, Connecticut. Development and Management Plan.

Mr. Wilensky moved to remove this item from the table, seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the Development and Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 342 - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 425 Litchfield Road, New Milford, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless as an intervenor, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 345 - MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Exeter Drive in Sterling, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Wilensky, Mr. Emerick, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Tait, and Mr. Murphy in favor of granting a Certificate for a proposed telecommunications facility.

Chairman Caruso directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DOCKET NO. 348 – Sprint Nextel Corporation and The Connecticut Light and Power Company’s application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off of Cove Road, Haddam, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve intervenor status for the Lower Connecticut River Gateway Commission, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 834 – Watertown Renewable Power, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, an operation of a 30 MW biomass gasification generating project located at Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve party status for the Town of Watertown, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 841 – The Bridgeport Energy II, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation and maintenance of a 350 MW Peaking Facility at the existing Bridgeport Energy Facility located at 10 Atlantic Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve party status for “60 Main Street et. al.”, seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 843 – The NRG Energy, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of four 50 MW Peaking Units at its Devon Facility located at 700 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 844 – The Omnipoint Communications, Inc. a/k/a T-Mobile petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for a ten (10) foot extension of an existing monopole located at 188 Moody Road, Enfield, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 845 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed 115-kV Transmission Line Removal Project in the Towns of East Haddam, Lyme, East Lyme and Montville, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the condition that the removal of the 115-kV transmission lines be completed by March 31, 2008. Removal that is not completed by this deadline must wait until next winter. CL&P must also use an in-house environmental inspector. The motion was seconded by Mr. Emerick.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Calendar
(ITEMS 13-15, 17-19)**

EM-CING-107-080107 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 700 Grassy Hill Road, Orange, Connecticut.

EM-VER-083-080108 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 290 Preston Avenue, Middletown, Connecticut.

EM-VER-117-080109 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 100 Old Redding Road, Redding, Connecticut.

EM-CING-097-080111 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 20 Barnabas Road, Newtown, Connecticut.

EM-SPRINT-NEXTEL-025-080114 – Sprint Nextel Corporation notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 500 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, Connecticut.

EM-VER-125-080115 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 477 Route 7, Sharon, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved to acknowledge the above referenced regulatory exemptions (items 13-15; 17-19) on the consent calendar; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

EM-CING-033-080103 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 201 Main Street, Cromwell, Connecticut.

Mr. Ashton moved to acknowledge this regulatory exemption with the condition that the modifications specified on page five of the structural analysis report dated October 19, 2007 and sealed by John Irving Mathis, P.E. are performed prior to the antenna swap and that a signed letter from a Professional Engineer is submitted to the Council to certify that the modifications have been properly completed; seconded by Mr. Heffernan. The motion passed unanimously.

EM-CING-089-080110 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Loon Lake Road, New Britain, Connecticut.

Mr. Heffernan moved to acknowledge this regulatory exemption with the condition that the modifications specified on the structural analysis report dated October 17, 2007 and sealed by Michael Plahovinsak, P.E. are performed prior to the antenna swap and that a signed letter from a Professional Engineer is submitted to the Council to certify that the modifications have been properly completed; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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